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Dane J. Hoechst, et al.
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"MOTORCYCLE HAVING STATIONARY BELT
TENSIONER"

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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This communication is in response to the Office action dated June 21, 2002. This Amendment is being accompanied by a request for extension of time extending the date for response until October 21, 2002. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter and consider the following Amendment and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A motorcycle comprising:
- a frame;
 - an engine/transmission assembly mounted to said frame and having an output shaft rotating in response to operation of said engine/transmission assembly;
 - a drive sprocket mounted to said output shaft for rotation therewith;
 - a swingarm pivotably mounted to at least one of said frame and engine/transmission assembly for pivotal movement within a range of motion;
 - a rear wheel mounted to said swingarm for rotation with respect to said swingarm;
 - a wheel sprocket mounted to said rear wheel for rotation therewith;